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CHRISTMAS GAYITIES

The good cheer and hospitality of Locust Grove has marked the Christmas holidays once again and those who spent vacation here departed with many pleasant memories of the good times they had.

On Sunday the grand feast of the season was observed and nineteen in all sat round the large tables and partook of the excellent Christmas dinner.

There was a good deal of excitement all day Monday; there were people running about with mysterious looking packages under their arms, small boys and little girls inquiring about Santa Claus, and everybody speculating what would be their share of the good things on the tree.

At seven o'clock all was ready, a march was struck up and the children filed into the schoolroom and sang a pretty carol as they danced around the beautifully illuminated tree. Santa Claus had been very busy this year and could not come, and so Miss Landsborough made a neat little speech for him and gave out the presents to the entire satisfaction of all.

After this the tree was moved into a corner and the room cleared for dancing. By this time Sonoma friends had arrived and the hours passed away in the whirl of the dance. At twelve o'clock supper was served and the party broke up.

Never was a jollier time nor a gayer crowd than in the Christmas holidays of 1892.

LOCUST GROVE NEWS.

Adrian and Nicholas ten-Bosch came up for the holidays.

The Misses Lindberg were among the holiday visitors at the Grove.

Messrs. Ringstrom and Wilson were over for the tree on Monday evening.

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The holiday number of the RAY has been indefinitely postponed as we are desirous of presenting our readers with a larger and better paper than we have yet issued.

The Donahue people, though owners of the longest established and perhaps best patronized of the Sonoma valley railroads, have been and continue to be the least appreciative of the people's wants. They have scorned petitions, ill-used their patrons and given no satisfaction in any shape or form. We hear of trains going through tunnels without a lamp in the cars, this, we believe, is unlawful. Furthermore, the arrival and departure of trains is irregular, the time-table only being published through deference to a long used custom. The engines, too, are ill supplied with fuel, and on one occasion a morning train could not keep up steam, as there was no coal in the tender and the wood was wet and green. Engineer Lewis readily tore down some fence pickets and after a delay of an hour and a half down in the marshes, the train moved on.

The latest complaint comes from Shellville, where the company has what they are pleased to call a depot. The steps are in very poor condition and a large hole in one of them is liable to entrap a person at any time and cause broken bones. There is a similar man hole in the platform, which on a dark night is equally dangerous. The people of Shellville have long enough been imposed on; for years the station, with its unpaned windows and doorless doorway has been unfit even for cattle wait a belated train.

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The amateur editor realizes this and he gives a sigh when he thinks of the many public improvements he should contend for, but which it were as useless to do as to seek the "Pilot" in a dismal fog.

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Miss I. L. Landsborough is spending a few days in the metropolis.

Mr. Rafael Rameriz and John R. ten Bosch went for a hunt yesterday.

Miss Ella Bethune is visiting Mrs. Hood at Los Guilicos; her father accompanied her.

Mrs. Walliser and her little son Alfred made Locust Grove a very pleasant afternoon call last Wednesday.

Miss Ethel Beecher has gone to her home in Kingman, Arizona; we wish her a happy visit and safe return.

The Misses Evelyn Brown, Della and Ethel Pauli and Constance Russel are to spend New Year's Day at Locust Grove.

The Misses Genevieve and Christine Rix and Master Reginald Rix are spending a few days with relatives in Belvedere.

Mrs. Pauli, Miss Tilden, Mr. Russel and Mr. Riddel surprised the Grovites by walking down from Sonoma one wet afternoon this week.

Mrs. Drummond, Miss Bioletti, Miss Dotie Drummond and Mr. Fred Bio[illegible] are spending a few days wi[illegible] and Mrs. Ward in Sou[illegible] Guilicos.

There were two dimes, a two bit piece and a nickle put in the Christmas plum puddings; and among those who received three or four helpings was Adrian ten Bosch. In his plate he found a dime which makes him an old bachelor and the nickle which bespeaks for him poverty in his old age. Newton Kelsey found the quarter and will be a rich man. There is a dime (for the old maid), yet to hear from, and the ladies are dreading the next time the pudding comes on the table.

Before going to press the plum-pudding has again come on the table and the remaining 10 cents was secured by Mr. C. Tilden.

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